

Opening Statement

Some months before the signing of the InterCode Agreement the NSW Totalisator Board was requested to make an assessment of the claims of the three codes regarding distribution of profits based on the totalisator turnover history of the codes.

A meeting was subsequently held at TAB headquarters in the office of John Robertson, the General Manager.

In attendance – Bob Cartwright (CEO), Steve Rosier, myself from GRA and Peter V'Landys (CEO) and Tony McGrath (chair) from Trotting. John Robertson advised that the TAB considered a fair split of 70% Horseracing, 16% Trotting, 14% Greyhounds.

On being told this Peter V'Landys said that "we are under no obligation to accept this report". He and Tony McGrath then walked out.

A number of meetings were later held with GRA, GBOTA, NCA and Country Clubs to discuss the issue. One such meeting was held at Harold Park where talks had earlier taken place with trotting people who refused to negotiate regarding the 17% demand. Present at this meeting were, Brenton Scott (GBOTA), Phil Bell and Mike Ahern (NCA) also? Cyril Rowe GBOTA Chair together with we three from GRA.

At this meeting I said words to the effect "We the GRA are the Government appointed authority responsible for the regulation of Greyhound Racing. You are the commercial side of Greyhound Racing. It is your money at stake. The GRA each year submits a budget for the coming year. The Minister has to approve the budget. The GRA receives a modest amount 'off the top' from TAB distributions to regulate the industry. The rest belongs to you the clubs. It is your decision to take up or reject the deal".

Representatives from the clubs said they would accept the deal.

Sometime prior to the formal signing, I requested Brenton Scott and Phil Bell to meet with Bob Cartwright, Steve Rosier and myself on the morning of the proposed signing of the Intercode Agreement at the coffee shop on the ground floor of the building on corner O'Connell Street (Clayton Utz office) where signing was to take place.

Again I asked "Do you want us to go ahead and sign on basis of 13% plus \$1M upfront payment.

"Yes go ahead"

Statement:

I am happy to appear today to give evidence which I will give to the best of my memory which is quite clear in many critical aspects. I have been unable to check properly on a number of specific dates and personnel due to the secure destruction in early 2012 of most of my personal notes, diaries, clients income tax files, GRA meeting notes and other business paper that were over 5 or 6 years old. The reason for destruction was due to health issues at the time.

On agreeing to appear before this committee I contacted Brent Hogan of GNSW hoping to be provided minutes and relevant documents of GRA to identify the dates of, and proceedings of meetings which might be relevant to this inquiry. I was advised they do not hold them as they had been transferred to NSW government archives.

I am confident my evidence would be readily verified by the committee obtaining relevant GRA, GBOTA and NCA minutes covering the relevant period.

Conversation: Solling**Subject:** Solling

Attached are scanned Solling documents

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----- End of Forwarded Message

11.6.12 Tony Gannon rang. re Interscode agreement.
He is completing re code agreement.

I told him how negotiations took place

Age - 70% non negotiable

Wages: Peter V'landys & Tony McElrath 17% non negotiable
Stalemate

Steve Rosser & I met with officials representing
over 80% of total greyhound allocation (in Coffey, Sheth)

They agreed to accept 13%. \$1.5M seemed
to be deciding factor

I am prepared to testify at any official
enquiry of the persons & organisations making
the decision to accept 13% & upfront \$1.5M payment

* Nov 2012



WORLD GREYHOUND RACING FEDERATION
GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

18th - 22nd MARCH 2002
MACAU S.A.R. CHINA

19.12.12

John Dams Telegraph says re TRB
privatisation agreement

I advised no extension for me to sign - 17th December
I signed, on decision of persons in industry
to accept up front payment of \$1.19
and 13%.

I would not name people ^{circumstances} but would do
so at any official enquiry (original query was
whether I signed under duress) 17th December
a large number of legal team ^{Macau's} Bank & Govt officials.
I believed that the 20 year review in
the agreement would address any anomalies
regarding the sharing of profits.

I also raise the fact that at time of signing
no criticism from any sector of the greyhound
industry as to acceptance of up front payment &
13%

I believe only hope of having a fairer share
would be by new gov. intervention

I would not comment on proposed class action
against GRWB. State doesn't over funds
but as I am not legal person and I
wonder where would money come from to
pay legal.



Punters can take revenge if Shoelace hits her straps

JOHN DAVIS
GREYHOUNDS

PUNTERS who did their cash cold when Shoelace bungled the start last week can exact some revenge in the Coffee Crew Christmas Cup (520m) at Wentworth Park tonight.

The underrated but highly erratic Shoelace is ideally drawn to atone from box eight for Freemans Reach trainer Peter Rodgers. While Shoelace's record of two wins from 12 starts hardly inspires confidence, she can scoot, having recorded a

personal best time of 30.66s at Richmond earlier this year.

Although comprehensively beaten at her city debut, she did rally to finish fifth after almost falling in the back stretch.

Another greyhound who was luckless at his city debut last Saturday was Ichi Tooshi, who is engaged in race two.

Sent to the boxes a dominant \$2.30 favourite, Ichi Tooshi collided with three other greyhounds losing all winning chance. Tonight he meets a similar field and, although awkwardly drawn in box six, should prove hard to beat.

Meanwhile, former Greyhound Racing Authority chairman Ross Magin has shed some light on the signing of the controversial Intercode Agreement which has locked the sport in to a fixed 13.2 per cent of TAB income for the next 84 years.

Magin made the claim his board "was pressured to get it through" by a number of government departments.

The revelation could open the door to a class action challenge by the Greyhound Action Group, spokesman Bob Whitelaw said.

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no other integrity
in the country can match
GRNSW's efficiency.

GREYHOUND Action
Group officials have secured
a star witness for the
parliamentary inquiry into the
sport.

It's understood the person of
interest will bring considerable
"heat" on how greyhound
administrators were coerced
into signing an archaic TAB
funding model.

"This person has first hand
knowledge of how people were
dragged out of rooms to sign it
(the document)," a GAG source
said.

FOUR greyhounds bettered
30secs from the 10 heats of

\$1.60
8-6:
10. D:
Sub: 6.

\$1.80
ts: 3-7:
\$102.80.
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\$2.60
ts: 5-8:
1.80. D:
Sub: 8.

\$6.70
50. D:
Sub: 6.

\$2.20
1: \$1.10,
D: \$5.90.
cr: 2.9.

\$5.90
3.20. D:
Sub: 1.

\$8.40
3-10:
23.50.
ub: 3.

2.30.

Hamish Cockburn

" I had responded positively to a request by GRNSW to take a phone call from you to discuss developments in relation to the 1997 Lab privatisation

However in view of heated arguments in relation to the matter & talk of possibly legal challenges, also the fact that I have been misquoted in a media report and other places apparently, I am only prepared at this time to respond to questions of any properly constituted public inquiry or in person ^{with you} with my own solicitor witnessing the discussions."

b/f# 6/5/13 approx 4 PM H Cockburn rang seeking information from me. He had received my phone no from Brent Hogan. I replied only prepared to speak re my role in conferring my solicitor.

H Cockburn understood my position and said he would finalise his report to Greyhound NSW.

He spoke of reports eg John Davis Telegraph I said he was an ~~idiot~~